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# NYSERDA'S CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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# CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES

## Program Overview

- Provides **rewards and recognition** to city, town, village, and county governments as well as Native American tribe, village, or nation that demonstrate clean energy leadership
- **Dedicated and knowledgeable local coordinators** are available to assist communities as they implement high-impact actions
- **STEP 1:** Earn the Clean Energy Communities designation by completing **4 out of 10 high impact actions**. 2 actions must be completed August 1, 2016 or after
- **STEP 2:** Access **grant funding**, up to \$250K with no local cost share, to support additional clean energy projects



# 10 HIGH-IMPACT ACTIONS

- Benchmarking
- Clean Energy Upgrades
- LED Street Lights
- Clean Fleets
- Solarize
- Unified Solar Permit
- Energy Code Enforcement Training
- Climate Smart Communities Certification
- Community Choice Aggregation
- Energize NY Finance



# HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL Technical Support

- Assist YOUR community with becoming a Clean Energy Community through:
  - On-demand technical assistance
  - Step-by-step guidance
  - Case studies
  - Model ordinances
  - Project development support
  - Tools and resources
- Examples of Technical Support for the High Impact Actions:
  - Benchmarking:
    - *EPA Energy STAR Portfolio Manager Tool*
  - Unified Solar Permit:
    - *NYSERDA Streamlined Permitting Incentives via CFA*
  - Clean Fleets:
    - *NYSDEC ZEV Rebates via Grants Gateway*
  - NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Program:
    - *Tutorials and other assistance*



# Mid-Hudson Designated Clean Energy Communities

- Communities reached to date: **189**
- Active communities: **70**
- Designated Clean Energy Communities: **13**
  - Large (population 40,000 +)
    - Ulster County (250k)
    - City of White Plains (250k)
    - City of Yonkers (150k)
  - Small/medium (population < 40,000)
    - Village of Dobbs Ferry (100k)
    - City of Kingston (100k)
    - Town of New Castle (100k)
    - Town of Red Hook (100k)
    - Town of Rosendale (50k)
    - Town of Ossining (50k)
    - Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (50k)
    - Village of Croton-on-Hudson (50k)
    - Town of Somers (50k)
    - Town of Marbletown (50k)



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# Buying Power 101: Municipal Solar Agenda

9:15 am	<u>Introduction and general overview of municipal solar</u> Houtan Moaveni, Deputy Director, NY-SUN Program, NYSERDA
9:50am	<u>NRDC Perspective On Proposed Changes To NY Solar Rates</u> Miles Farmer, Clean Energy Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council
10:25 am	<u>Community Distributed Solar (CDS)</u> Tom Kacandes, Pres., Inside Track Solar Inc., Town of Ulster CDS case study
10:50 am	<u>How to use Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to purchase local solar</u> Jen Metzger, PhD., Director, Citizens for Local Power
11:15 am	BREAK
11:25 am	<u>Speed Dating: A chance to ask questions specific to your community</u> Four Q & A sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mayor Matt Alexander: Wappinger Falls solar case study</li><li>● Tom Kacandes: Community Distributed Solar</li><li>● Melissa Everett: Sustainable Hudson Valley: Solarize campaigns</li><li>● Jen Metzger: CCA to purchase local solar</li></ul>
11:55 am	Closing Remarks Carla Castillo, Hudson Valley Regional Council